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In re the Application of: James M. Cleeves

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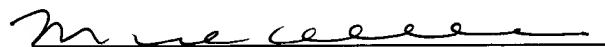
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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